

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 580 - SB 623

April 30, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to publish the number of maximum class size waivers granted to local education agencies (LEAs) on the DOE's website by June 1, 2022, and each year thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (007245, 008098): Amendment 007245 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Makes various changes to the statutory duties and responsibilities of the State Board of Education (SBE), DOE, governing bodies of public higher education institutions, and local boards of education. Expands certain educational requirements to include HiSET diplomas. Establishes that a public school teacher is not required to take an assessment to reactivate an expired Tennessee teaching license if, at the time of application for the renewal of the expired license, the teacher possesses an active professional license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with SBE.

Amendment 008098 adds language to Amendment 007245 to prohibit an LEA or public charter school from including certain concepts as part of a course instruction or use in supplemental instructional materials. Requires the Commissioner of DOE to withhold state funds from an LEA or public charter school that violates this section.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed revisions to such duties and responsibilities will not significantly affect the processes and procedures for SBE, DOE, higher education governing bodies, or local boards of education. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Establishing additional assessment exemptions for teachers seeking to renew an expired license will not significantly impact processes or procedures of SBE or DOE. Any fiscal impact will be not significant.

- It is assumed that the academic standards which are adopted by SBE align with the proposed language and that all schools currently use textbooks and instructional materials approved, or for which a waiver has been granted, by SBE.
- It is further assumed that an LEA or public charter school will maintain compliance with the proposed language to avoid having funds withheld; therefore, any fiscal impact to local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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